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AMENDMENT

In response to a non-final Office action dated July 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following claims: --

43. Apparatus comprising
- A decoder/synthesize module that is responsive to an input that includes a text specification and explicit FAP information, outputting a synthesized voice at a first output, and phonemes as well as said FAP information at a second output;
 - a converter responsive to said second output for generating a sequence of facial animation parameters;
 - face rendering module responsive to said converter; and
 - a compositor, responsive to said synthesizer and to said face rendering module.
44. The apparatus of claim 43, further adapted to accept said input from a remote location that is communicated to said apparatus via a communication network.

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